unknown. All events connected causally, and all events connected by an observable invariable law, may be held as joined by the appointment of God. It is by the observation of the bonds of union, as we have seen, that the mind acquires its practical foresight and scientific knowledge. There are such correspondences strewn all around us, that we may observe them and act upon them.

Secondly, we may, upon satisfactory evidence, believe in such conjunctions as intended, when we discover a *moral* tie. We hold the moral law to be as much, to say the least of it, the appointment of God as any natural law. As there are harmonies pre-established between one natural law and another, so there may be, so there are, harmonies between the moral law and the physical laws. God has so ordered his physical government, that it is made in various ways to support his, moral government, both in the way of encouraging that which is good and beneficent, and arresting and punishing that which is evil. Now, whenever we can discover such a moral tie, we may, always in the exercise of common sense and a sound judgment, believe in intended coincidences when supported by a sufficient induction of facts.

Thirdly, we may, on the same terms, believe in such correspondences when we can discover a *religious* tie. For just as we hold man to be a physical and a moral, so we also hold him to be a religious agent. And as there are connexions between the physical and the physical, and between the physical and the moral, so there may also be connexions between the physical and the religious. As the physical government of God is so arranged as to uphold the moral ends of God, it may be also so arranged as to provide an answer to prayer, to order the destinies of the pious in all faithfulness and love, and to help on the true religion in its progress towards universality. The heaving of the waves,

in correspondence with the motions of the moon, is not more certain than the movements of earthly events in correspondence with heavenly influences.

He who faithfully follows out these principles, shall be kept by them, on the one hand, from that spirit of ungodliness which fails to detect the presence and purposes of God in the dispensations of his providence, and on the other hand, from that spirit of uncharitable partisanship, which would call down fire from